## JOURNAL OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

# ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

Tuesday November 24, 2020 1:00 P.M.

The County Council of St. Louis County, Missouri, met on Tuesday, November 24, 2020, at 1:00 P.M., by video conference, pursuant to adjournment with Chairwoman Clancy presiding.

## **ROLL CALL**

On roll call, the following Council Members were present:

Rita Heard Days Kelli Dunaway Tim Fitch Rochelle Walton Gray Lisa D. Clancy Ernie Trakas Mark Harder

A quorum being present, Chairwoman Clancy declared the County Council in session for the transaction of Business.

Also present were the Honorable Sam Page, County Executive, Beth Orwick, County Counselor, and Diann L. Valenti, Administrative Director.

### **APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

Moved by Councilwoman Walton Gray, seconded by Councilman Fitch and carried that the Journal of the Meeting of November 10, 2020, be approved.

Moved by Councilwoman Walton Gray, seconded by Councilman Fitch and carried that the Journal of the Meeting of November 17, 2020, be approved.

# **COMMUNICATIONS**

## **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**

### Item No. 1 – All Districts

<u>AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION</u> and attachment from <u>THE COUNTIAN</u>, <u>ST. LOUIS</u>

<u>COUNTY</u> attesting that said newspaper published **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR**PROPOSED ST. LOUIS COUNTY 2021 BUDGET AND TAX RATE on *November 9*, 2020.

**Action:** There being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received and filed.

### Item No. 2

Communication dated *November 17*, *2020* from Jeannette Zinkgraf, Records Manager, and Tod A. Martin, Director of Administration, requesting authorization in accordance with Sections 101.101 through 101.030 SLCRO, to destroy records relating to the **Division of Collector** identified as **1994 Missouri Department of Revenue Vehicle Listing**, stating said records are no longer needed for conducting current transactions of business and do not possess sufficient legal, administrative, or fiscal value to warrant their further retention.

<u>Action:</u> There being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received, filed and the County Counselor be directed to prepare the appropriate legislation.

## Item No. 3

Communication with attachment dated *November 18, 2020* from Tod A. Martin, Director of Administration and Acting Director of Procurement, requesting authorization, as provided in Section 107.145 SLCRO, to dispose of personal property which has become obsolete and

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unusable, or would require various degrees of repair if they were to be placed in service; requesting approval of the County Council to dispose of capital assets listed in the attachment, after which the Division of Procurement will dispose of the equipment upon terms advantageous to the County.

<u>Action:</u> There being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received, filed and the County Counselor be directed to prepare the appropriate legislation.

## Item No. 4 – All Districts

Communication directed to: **Entities Involved in the November 3, 2020 General Election** from Rick Stream and Eric Fey, Directors of Elections, forwarding a copy of the Official Certification of the election results and affidavits of publication relative to the *November 3, 2020*Election as submitted to the voters of the respective districts (**Complete Record on File with the County Clerk's Office**).

**Action:** There being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received and filed.

### Item No. 5 - 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Districts

Report of the Director of the Department of Revenue forwarding a list of liquor license renewals which have been reviewed and found to be in compliance with applicable St. Louis County regulations as of *November 17, 2020*, in the Unincorporated area of St. Louis County, stating the renewed licenses in the Unincorporated area of St. Louis County District Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 have been renewed to expire *June 30, 2021*.

## Item No. 5 – 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Districts – Continued

Action: Moved by Councilwoman Dunaway and there being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received and filed.

### Item No. 6 – 2nd District

Report of the Acting Director of Transportation and Public Works, Subject: Execution of Agreements Guaranteeing Road Improvements for Dorsett Vapor, Dorsett Road (11396) at Sally Drive (Special Escrow - \$14,066.00); **Project No. 184-132-E2: HT-5635**; City of Maryland Heights.

<u>Action:</u> Moved by Councilwoman Dunaway, seconded by Councilman Trakas and carried that the item be received, filed and the Agreement be approved as requested.

### Item No. 7 – 2nd District

Report of the Acting Director of Transportation and Public Works, Subject: Execution of Agreements Guaranteeing Road Improvements for The Flats at Dorsett Ridge, Dorsett Road (12545), west of McKelvey Road (Special Escrow - \$22,772.00); **Project No. 46-131-B1: HT-4027**; City of Maryland Heights.

<u>Action:</u> Moved by Councilwoman Dunaway, seconded by Councilman Harder and carried that the item be received, filed and the Agreement be approved as requested.

### Item No. 8 – 2nd District

Report of the Acting Director of Transportation and Public Works, Subject: Execution of Agreements Guaranteeing Road Improvements for 11950 Missouri Bottom Rd./Focal Pointe Outdoor Solutions, Missouri Bottom Rd. (11950) & Eagle Industrial Ct. (Special Escrow - \$15,200.20); **Project No. 49-80-E2: HT-5485**; City of Hazelwood.

<u>Action:</u> Moved by Councilwoman Dunaway, seconded by Councilman Harder and carried that the item be received, filed and the Agreement be approved as requested.

#### Item No. 9 – 3rd District

Report of the Acting Director of Transportation and Public Works, Subject: Execution of Agreements Guaranteeing Road Improvements for Kirkwood Office Building, Big Bend Road, west of Kirkwood Road (Special Escrow - \$8,358.78); **Project No. 37-299-A4: HT-5379**; City of Kirkwood.

<u>Action:</u> Moved by Councilman Fitch, seconded by Councilman Harder and carried that the item be received, filed and the Agreement be approved as requested.

### Item No. 10 – 6th District

Report of the Acting Director of Transportation and Public Works, Subject: Execution of Agreements Guaranteeing Road Improvements (future sidewalk improvements) for 2932 Hallmark Lane – Lot Split, Hallmark Lane (2932) at Lemay Ferry Road (Special Escrow - \$7,808.80); **Project No. 158-377-F3HT-5470**; Unincorporated St. Louis County.

## **Item No. 10 – 6th District – Continued**

<u>Action:</u> Moved by Councilman Trakas, seconded by Councilman Harder and carried that the item be received, filed and the Agreement be approved as requested.

### Item No. 11 – 7th District

Report of the Acting Director of Transportation and Public Works, Subject: Execution of Agreements Guaranteeing Future Road Improvements for AC Hotel, Wild Horse Creek (16461), west of Chesterfield Parkway West (Special Escrow - \$28,128.15); **Project No. 126-188-A1: HT-5415**; City of Chesterfield.

<u>Action:</u> Moved by Councilman Harder, seconded by Councilman Fitch and carried that the item be received, filed and the Agreement be approved as requested.

### Item No. 12 - 3rd, 1st and 7th Districts

Communication dated *November 20*, *2020* from the Honorable Tim Fitch, Councilman for the 3rd District, directed to Ms. Genevieve Frank, Associate County Counselor, regarding the lawsuit filed against St. Louis County by the Missouri Restaurant Association, et al, and in anticipation that the courts may rule pandemic public health orders issued outside of County Council authority are null and void, requesting preparation of legislation requiring the wearing of masks during the pandemic, as indicated, and further requesting that Councilwoman Days and Councilman Harder be added as co-sponsors.

### Item No. 12 – 3rd, 1st and 7th Districts – Continued

Action: Moved by Councilman Fitch and there being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received, filed and the County Counselor be directed to prepare the appropriate legislation.

### Item No. 13 – 5th District

Communication from the Honorable Lisa Clancy, Council Chair and Councilwoman for the 5th District, directed to Genevieve Frank, Associate County Counselor, requesting preparation of an order for introduction during the *November 24*, *2020* Council Meeting reflecting that due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the deadline to submit items for the Regular Agenda for the Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. will be Monday, *November 30*, *2020* at noon, and further stating due to the holiday schedule there will be no Add-On Agenda for the *December 1*, *2020* Regular Council Meeting.

<u>Action:</u> There being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received, filed and the County Counselor be directed to prepare the appropriate legislation.

#### Item No. 14 – 7th District

Communication dated *November 19*, *2020* from the Honorable Mark Harder, Councilman for the 7th District, directed to Gen Frank, Associate County Counselor, requesting preparation of legislation for introduction at the *November 24*, *2020* Council Meeting to extend the waiver or suspension of certain provisions of Chapter 610, SLCRO 1974 as amended, "public health," and

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Chapter 807 SLCRO 1974 as amended, "food code," until *April 30, 2021*, as they relate to food establishments in St. Louis County, as described in Bill No. 119, 2020.

Action: Moved by Councilman Harder and there being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received, filed and the County Counselor be directed to prepare the appropriate legislation.

### Item No. 15

Communication with attachments from The Honorable Sam Page, County Executive, recommending the necessary legislative action to authorize an amendment to Ordinance No. 27,894 pertaining to a contract with Carahsoft Technology Corp. and Publicis Sapient for software and implementation of comprehensive grants management and data collections systems for St. Louis County Children's Service Fund, as indicated, stating the purpose of the amendment is to amend the name of *Publicis Sapient AI Labs, Inc. d/b/a Publicis Sapient* to its effective, registered name of *Vertiba, LLC d/b/a Publicis Sapient* (Publicis), and further stating all other language including the terms and costs of the approved contract should remain unchanged.

<u>Action:</u> There being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received, filed and the County Counselor be directed to prepare the appropriate legislation.

### Item No. 16

Communication with attachments from The Honorable Sam Page, County Executive, recommending the necessary legislative action, as requested by the Director of the Department of Human Services (DHS), to authorize a contract with Global Vision Technologies, Inc. (GVT) for procurement of Case Management software and related services to commence upon contract execution and will continue for one (1) year with the option to renew for four (4) additional one-year terms in an amount not-to-exceed \$33,735 annually, which includes a one-time service fee of \$20,485 and discounted licensing fees of \$12,890 to be paid in year one, as indicated, stating these services will standardize case file creation and maintenance and increase best practices and quality improvement efforts surrounding case management within DHS' Office of Family and Child Services, as described.

<u>Action:</u> There being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received, filed and the County Counselor be directed to prepare the appropriate legislation.

#### Item No. 17 – 4th District

Communication with attachment from The Honorable Sam Page, County Executive, recommending the necessary legislative action, as requested by the Chief of Police, to authorize a contract with ShotSpotter, Inc. (ShotSpotter) for implementation of the ShotSpotter program in the Glasgow Village area of St. Louis County, as indicated, stating the term of contract is for two (2) years to commence on *January 1*, *2021* and continue through *December 31*, *2022* at a cost not-to-exceed \$318,000 to be paid by the St. Louis Police Foundation on behalf of the Police Department,

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and further requesting that the Council authorize acceptance and receipt of these funds, and execution of documents necessary to implement this program, and further stating expansion of the program through this proposed contract will increase community and officer safety and enhance emergency response services by expanding the coverage boundary to include an area where a higher number of gun-related instances have occurred, as described.

Action: Moved by Councilwoman Walton Gray and there being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received, filed and the County Counselor be directed to prepare the appropriate legislation.

### Item No. 18 – 2nd and 4th Districts

Communication with attachments from The Honorable Sam Page, County Executive, recommending the necessary legislative action, as requested by the Acting Director of the Department of Transportation and Public Works (T&PW), to amend Schedule III of the St. Louis County Traffic Code in order to enact a special speed limit of 40 miles per hour and establish three (3) special school speed zones along certain sections of Howdershell Road and Shackelford Road located within unincorporated St. Louis County and in the cities of Hazelwood and Florissant, as indicated, stating the change in speed limit along these roadways will incorporate three (3) reduced school speed zones and the department will install the proper signage and flashing beacons to alert motorists to the school speed zones along the roadways, as described.

### Item No. 18 – 2nd and 4th Districts – Continued

Action: Moved by Councilwoman Dunaway and there being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received, filed and the County Counselor be directed to prepare the appropriate legislation.

### Item No. 19 – 4th District

Communication with attachment from The Honorable Sam Page, County Executive, recommending the necessary legislative action, as requested by the Acting Director of the Department of Transportation and Public Works, to authorize execution of a contract with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for lease of tower space on County property at 4045 Seven Hills Drive, stating the term of the lease will be for one (1) year to commence upon execution of the contract with the option to renew for nine (9) consecutive one-year terms, as indicated, and further stating the term of the lease will require the FBI to pay County \$500 per term and will require that the FBI assume all costs and responsibilities pertaining to installation, maintenance and utility requirements.

Action: Moved by Councilwoman Walton Gray and there being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received, filed and the County Counselor be directed to prepare the appropriate legislation.

#### Item No. 20 – 7th District

Communication with attachment from The Honorable Sam Page, County Executive, recommending the necessary legislative action, as requested by the Acting Director of the Department of Transportation and Public Works, to authorize execution of a contract with Verizon Wireless Services LLC (Verizon) for lease of antenna space on the tower located at 14847 Ladue Bluffs Crossing Drive, as indicated, stating the term of the lease will commence upon execution of the contract and continue for five (5) years with one (1) automatic five-year renewal and up to three (3) additional five-year terms, and further stating the term of the lease will require that Verizon pay the County \$30,000 per year for the duration of the first five-year term with the annual rate increasing by 20% in each subsequent five-year term and will require that Verizon assume all costs and responsibilities pertaining to installation, maintenance and utility requirements as well as for such other terms and conditions as determined by the County Counselor.

Action: Moved by Councilman Harder and there being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received, filed and the County Counselor be directed to prepare the appropriate legislation.

(Scrivener's Note: At this time, Chairwoman Clancy began having issues with her internet connection so Vice Chairwoman Walton Gray took over as Chair of the meeting for Other Communication Item Nos. 21 and 22 and Add On – Other Communication Item No. 1.)

### **Item No. 21 – All Districts**

Communication with attachment from The Honorable Sam Page, County Executive, recommending the necessary legislative action, as requested by the Acting Director of the Department of Transportation and Public Works (T&PW), to authorize the County Executive to execute a contract with Cresa St. Louis, Inc. (Cresa STL) to allow Cresa STL to create a Real Estate Master Facility Plan (the plan) for T&PW in an amount not-to-exceed \$300,000, as indicated, stating the term of the contract is for one (1) year, and further stating the purpose of the proposed contract is to allow Cresa STL to create the plan which is intended to proactively address aging and outdated facilities, to review utilization of facilities, and to support changing operating models and maintenance plans, as described, and further requesting that the Acting Director of T&PW be authorized to execute change orders and necessary documents to effectuate the contract.

<u>Action:</u> There being no objection, Vice Chairwoman Walton Gray ordered the item be received, filed and the County Counselor be directed to prepare the appropriate legislation.

#### Item No. 22

Communication with attachment from The Honorable Sam Page, County Executive, recommending the necessary legislative action to amend Chapter 107 SLCRO, as amended, "Purchasing Code," by adding thereto new sections to establish the County's Prevailing Wage Compliance Program, codify the position and responsibilities of the Prevailing Wage Enforcement Coordinator, and establish the appropriate rules, regulations and penalties pertaining to compliance with the program, as indicated, stating in addition to formally codifying the program, the

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amendments are further intended to reaffirm the County's long-standing policy that no less than the hourly Prevailing Wage shall be paid to workers performing construction of public works on behalf of the County, as described.

<u>Action:</u> There being no objection, Vice Chairwoman Walton Gray ordered the item be received, filed and the County Counselor be directed to prepare the appropriate legislation.

### **ADD ONS**

### OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

#### Item No. 1 – All Districts

Communication dated *November 20, 2020* from Thomas Ott, Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, requesting amendments to the legislation ordered by the Council pertaining to the previous request for amendments to Section 616.230 SLCRO which appeared as Other Communications Item No. 10 (OC-10) on the *November 17, 2020* Council meeting agenda, as indicated, specifically requesting revisions to correct inadvertent errors in Section J and Section GG of the draft ordinance provided by the department, as described, and further stating all other proposed amendments in the attachment to OC-10 on the *November 17, 2020* agenda remain unchanged.

### **Add-ons – Other Communications – Continued**

### Item No. 1 – All Districts – Continued

<u>Action:</u> There being no objection, Vice Chairwoman Walton Gray ordered the item be received, filed and the County Counselor be directed to prepare the appropriate legislation.

### Item No. 2 – 4th District

Communication dated *November 20, 2020* from the Honorable Rochelle Walton Gray, Council Vice Chairwoman and Councilwoman for the 4th District, directed to Gen Frank, Associate County Counselor, requesting preparation of a resolution for introduction at the *November 24, 2020* Council Meeting to acknowledge that November is National Adoption Month.

Action: Moved by Councilwoman Walton Gray and there being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received, filed and the County Counselor be directed to prepare the appropriate legislation.

#### Item No. 3 – 6th District

Communication with attachment dated *November 23*, *2020* from the Honorable Ernie Trakas, Councilman for the 6th District, directed to Genevieve Frank, Associate County Counselor, pursuant to County Ordinance 602.020(3), requesting preparation of an order for consideration at the *November 24*, *2020* Council Meeting replicating the COVID-19 related mandate(s) and restrictions adopted by the Franklin County Commission on *November 19*, *2020*, as indicated.

<u>Action:</u> Moved by Councilman Trakas and there being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be dropped from the Order of Business.

### **Add-ons – Other Communications – Continued**

#### Item No. 3 – 6th District – Continued

Prior to making his motion, Councilman Trakas stated: "Madam Chair, since filing this request yesterday, I've spent some time in the Charter and I'm no longer convinced that the Council has the authority to issue an order of this type. I think we are relegated to an ordinance, ideally through Section 2.130, and failing that (inaudible). So, for those reasons, I do not believe this request is appropriate and I'm gonna drop it from the Order of Business."

#### Item No. 4 – 5th District

Communication dated *November 23, 2020* from the Honorable Lisa Clancy, Council Chair and Councilwoman for the 5th District, directed to Gen Frank, Associate County Counselor, requesting preparation of a resolution for introduction at the *November 24, 2020* Council Meeting imploring Governor Parson to enact a statewide mask mandate and a "Safer-at-Home" order, as indicated.

<u>Action:</u> There being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received, filed and the County Counselor be directed to prepare the appropriate legislation.

## **REPORT OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

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Honorable Sam Page, County Executive, returned to the Administrative Director unsigned and stating his objections thereto, Bill No. 222, 2020 and Bill No. 223, 2020, said bills being duly adopted by the County Council on October 19, 2020. Upon reconsideration of the Council on October 27, 2020, the ordinances failed to pass, the objections of the County Executive thereto notwithstanding.

Honorable Sam Page, County Executive, returned to the Acting Administrative Director, endorsed with his approval, the following bills, said bills being duly adopted by the County Council on November 17, 2020 and approved by the County Executive on November 18, 2020:

BILL NO. 245, 2020 became Ordinance No. 27,907, 2020

BILL NO. 246, 2020 became Ordinance No. 27,908, 2020

BILL NO. 247, 2020 became Ordinance No. 27,909, 2020

BILL NO. 248, 2020 became Ordinance No. 27,910, 2020

BILL NO. 249, 2020 became Ordinance No. 27,911, 2020

At this time, County Executive Page made the following statement: "Thank you, Lisa. I'd like to share the remarks that I sent to St. Louis County employees last evening. For so many, 2020 will be a year we could have done without. It's hard to see the good during unprecedented challenges. But when the storm clouds linger, we tend to reset our priorities. What is most important to us? What are we most thankful for? The gratitude for health, for family, for the beauty of a mild November day. So many people have sacrificed to keep us all from harm, and for that, I'm thankful. Masks hide smiles but keep us safe. Social distancing prevents hugs and

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handshakes but doing so keeps us safe. And staying away from gatherings alters our holiday traditions but limiting group sizes keeps us safe. These are all short-term sacrifices to get us where we need to be and want to be, back to the normal we are all missing so much. As we prepare to celebrate our Thanksgiving holiday, keep in mind those that you love. Protect them by limiting their exposure to others. Restrict your travel and keep your holiday gatherings to those within your household. I know that's not tradition for many. But it's lifesaving and in the end, a wonderful gift for those you love. And I want to thank our County employees for finding innovative and safe ways to continue providing services to our community. I want to thank first our first responders, our grocery workers, our bus drivers, all of you who put yourself on the frontlines. And I want to thank our healthcare workers. Our hospital systems have been strained for months and the around-the-clock care through this pandemic has been remarkable. Thousands of lives have been saved by your passion, dedication and talent. I have much to be thankful for myself: my family, my health and a community I proudly serve. Thanks to all of you for your strength. This has been a year like no other. But we will get through this together. Have a safe and happy holiday. That's all I have for now. Thanks, Lisa."

At this time, Councilman Harder stated: "Before the County Executive gets away for the holiday, I'd like to ask him a few questions. Mr. County Executive, you said back in April that all your decisions on these mandates would be data-driven and that they would be unpolitical and dealing with the science. I would like to know, and I think a lot of the Council people as well as residents would like to know, what is the data for St. Louis County that says that restaurants and bars and businesses are spreading the COVID-19 virus?"

## **Report of the County Executive – Continued**

County Executive Page: "Thank you, Councilman Harder. We've discussed this a few times in the past and I'd be glad to talk about it again because it's so important for people in our community to understand the sacrifices that we have to make to prevent the tragic loss of lives that we've seen in other parts of the community and they're about to see here if we don't make some adjustments. We've seen the effects of mask orders and the data is clearly available, although there was much confrontation and resistance to mask orders initially, I'm glad to see that the Council and the community is coming around to recognize the benefit. We all know that the COVID has spread throughout the community and spread through family gatherings, through close contact, through crowds at events, through gatherings in people's homes. And we know that if you take a mask off and you sit in close proximity to one another, then COVID will spread there as well. Unfortunately, because COVID has gotten away from us in our community, and the positivity rate is over 5%, it dramatically limits our ability to do contract tracing and trace every case of COVID to every possible place where it might have been acquired. We also have a disadvantage of about half of the people we reach out to don't return calls to the health department and don't want to participate in contact tracing. But we know that the data is clear within our country and in our community that COVID can be transmitted and even when people have masks on in close proximity, but especially when masks are off. But I believe our public health officials, I believe their recommendations, and I believe the recommendations of the medical community and our doctors, that when positivity rates are high, that we do have to limit gatherings and we do have to limit opportunities for people to come together in close contact with masks off, and that includes restaurants and bars."

Chairwoman Clancy: "Councilman Harder, we need to get on with our agenda, so we will proceed with our next section of our agenda."

Councilman Harder: "Madam Chairman, this is the period of time that we, as a Council, can question and anybody can question him, and that's the purpose of him being here for questioning. This is the part of the agenda for that event. That's what I'm trying to do. And if anybody else has any questions, I'd be happy to relinquish my time, but I've got the floor right now and I need to ask a few questions that are not being answered and they weren't answered last week."

Chairwoman Clancy: "I understand, Councilman Harder, but this is the part of the agenda for the County Executive's report, this is not a hearing with the County Executive. I understand you have questions. There are multiple avenues to ask your questions, to share the responses publicly, and if this is something you would like to arrange for in the Council meeting at some point, we can try and make some plans for that, but we have a full agenda of business today and subsequent meetings afterwards. And so, you do not have the floor any longer and we will get on with our meeting. Thank you."

# **REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

### Special Committee for Oversight of COVID-19 Funding and Expenditures – Update

Councilwoman Dunaway made the following statement: "We had our first Oversight meeting in quite some time yesterday afternoon. We learned that with the surge in COVID cases in St. Louis County, a number of County employees and resources have been re-directed to the public health crisis while many others from the County CARES team are managing the cumbersome compliance phase for the grants awarded in the Public Health, Humanitarian, and Economic Rescue arenas of the County CARES response to this crisis. Some of the key takeaways yesterday were that nearly all of the grant programs initiated through the CARES response are now in the compliance stage. Humanitarian grant awardees are reporting back to the County the impact their projects have had in supporting the County's most vulnerable populations and those in most need. These reports will continue trickling in throughout the year and we hope to have a final report and a potential public meeting to take a look at the results sometime in the late winter or in early spring of 2021. Similarly, the Public Health awardees are also reporting back regarding their efforts to assist with access to care, mental and behavioral health, and communitywide PPE and sanitation supplies. The County continues to monitor state and federal legislation in the hopes of receiving a new round of public health and economic security relief. Now I'm going to cover what was covered in each of the three buckets. In Public Health, as I mentioned earlier, much of the County's COVID response efforts have pivoted back to the Public Health response as cases, hospitalizations and deaths continue to climb across the region. The

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## Special Committee for Oversight of COVID-19 Funding and Expenditures – Continued

Department of Public Health (DPH) has spent much of the last several months stockpiling supplies to be able to maintain widespread testing into 2021 in the absence of additional federal funding. With the help of some state resources, DPH is enhancing its own laboratory capacity to ensure effective testing on its own into 2021. DPH has also been working to enhance services beyond COVID testing, funding 24 agencies and 26 total projects with approximately \$3.7 million primarily in the areas of mental and behavioral health, access to healthcare, and PPE and supplies. In the Humanitarian bucket, the Department of Human Services and Children's Services Fund are working in close coordination to provide critical relief in the areas of food distribution, childcare relief, housing stability and utility assistance. An additional \$4 million has been awarded to organizations working in the area of food distribution including two new grants to HOSCO, an organization focused on food distribution to seniors and homebound residents, and the County branch of the NAACP is focused on food distribution events to communities across North County. Twenty-three contracts have been awarded in the areas of housing stabilization and utility assistance, with approximately \$1,855 in average assistance provided per family. The Digital Equity Initiative was able to provide 9,828 hotspots to more than 39 schools/districts and 6,015 Chromebooks were provided to 25 schools in our County districts. All those units have been provided and the philanthropic community continues this effort which Children's Services Fund is monitoring closely. We didn't talk about the municipalities yesterday but I do have a brief update. Eight-six of eighty-eight municipalities are participating in our municipal relief program.

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## Special Committee for Oversight of COVID-19 Funding and Expenditures – Continued

Seventy-nine of eighty-six municipalities have received 50% of their allotted funds, which is over \$23 million. The remaining seven municipalities are working on executing their contracts. Forty-six municipalities have submitted documentation and are under review or have passed review by third parties and multiple municipalities will complete the program and get full funding this week. In Economic Recovery, the Economic Rescue Team continues to advise the CARES response effort through analysis of County ordinances and regulations and recommendations that may assist small businesses, particularly the restaurant industry, in adapting to the new restrictions. The Small Business Relief Program is effectively closed having provided awards worth more than \$19.5 million to over 1,660 small businesses. The St. Louis Economic Development Partnership launched a new small business rapid deployment fund this week which seeks to provide up to \$5,000 to small businesses impacted by COVID for operating expenses or business costs, including rent and payroll. Restaurants may also use these grants to cover purchases necessary to adapt to COVID-related public health restrictions, things like equipment for outdoor dining, heaters, tents, curbside service. The application for this new program is available now at the Partnership website. The state of Missouri has received over \$2 billion in CARES Act funds, and according to news reports, still has over \$1.2 billion left to spend. In contrast, St. Louis County received \$173 million. The State of Missouri offered \$22.5 million in grants to non-farm small businesses. St. Louis County has already given out \$19.7 million in small business grants and just announced another \$3 million. This means that St. Louis County will

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## Special Committee for Oversight of COVID-19 Funding and Expenditures – Continued

have given out more than the state to small businesses, even though the amount of funding we received is dwarfed by the billions of dollars received by the state. Governor Parson has it in his power to help. He can give aid to people working in these industries and help small businesses stay afloat. We are nearly out of money in St. Louis County and in order to keep St. Louis Countians safe from the pandemic while also helping our businesses survive, we need more help. And while a recent SLU study shows that St. Louis County's mask mandate has significantly reduced the transmission of the virus as compared to neighboring counties without such orders, we continue to accept and care for Missourians whose own communities don't have the resources or personnel to deal with the crisis and are very slow to adopt the right restrictions. If St. Louis County is to remain the economic engine of the State of Missouri, and if St. Louis County is where the sick turn when there's no place else to go, the least the rest of Missouri can do is wear a mask, wash your hands, maintain social distancing, and put pressure on our governor to mandate the same and provide the financial resources that we need in St. Louis County to care for every person and every business that needs our help as this crisis continues and escalates. Thank you, Madam Chair. That is my update."

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Chairwoman Clancy made the following statement: "So, I want to remind everyone of our procedure. We did make some changes to the Public Forum at last week's meeting and those changes take effect today. Anyone who wishes to participate in Public Forum must register to do so through the WebEx link for the meeting, which can be found on the County's website at stlouiscountymo.gov under the Public Notices tab or as printed on the front page of the agenda for the respective meeting. Registration will require providing both a first and last name, email address, zip code, and then a selection to indicate that you wish to speak during the Public Forum. If both the first name and last name are not provided, the registrant will not be called upon to speak. Registration opens 30 minutes prior to the posted start time of the meeting, so today registration was open at 12:30 p.m., and then will close two minutes prior to the posted start time of the meeting. During Public Forum, the speaker's name will be announced by a staff member, the speaker will then be unmuted for three minutes allowing them to make their remarks in the same way that each speaker had three minutes to present during our in-person gatherings. The speaker can choose to present on camera or by audio only, and all presented statements will be transcribed into the journal of the Council meeting for the official record. So, this afternoon we have nine registered speakers. When your name is announced, listen for the Clerk to ask you to begin speaking and then state your first and last name and zip code for the record. The Clerk will inform you when your three minutes is up."

The County Clerk called upon those persons who had signed up to speak at the Public Forum. The following persons addressed the County Council and stated the following:

Ms. Chris Hawse, 63123: "Hello. I am a law-abiding, taxpaying, voting citizen. This is not political. You, Dr. Page, are making this political. You have no legal authority to tell me who's allowed in my house and when and any such order or mandate is a gross overreach of authority, and good luck enforcing it. St. Louis County has been under a mask mandate since July 3rd. If masks do in fact work, why are the infection rates climbing although deaths are declining? I go to work, the grocery store, the gym, the cycle studio, out to eat almost every day, and everyone is wearing a mask. I shop in Jefferson County where there is not a mask mandate, and guess what? Everyone is wearing a mask. So, given a choice, 99% of the population will and does, in fact, wear the mask. To recap, the masks work, everyone is wearing a mask, so why the lockdowns? Tyranny, control and compliance? Maybe, definitely not about our safety. Dr. Page,

as a medical professional, it is offensive and unethical for you to promote fear and hysteria, and that's exactly what you and Dr. Garza are doing. How about offering solutions instead of false narratives and fearmongering? How about targeted restrictions? An 80-year old with COPD is at far greater risk than healthy adults and children. Why then is it so advantageous to lock down approximately one million people because less than 2% of the population are high risk? How about letting the healthy 98% of us live and work to protect the at-risk? I guarantee people supporting lockdowns continue collecting a paycheck, social security and have their medical benefits intact. You have not made a sacrifice unless you give up your income and your health insurance. If you are afraid or at risk, stay home, no one is making you leave your house. But us law-abiding citizens deserve the same rights to live our lives and not be financially and economically devastated. We all know Dr. Page is planning more lockdowns. We also know these are, in fact, punitive because we refuse to live our lives in fear of a virus with a 99.98% survival rate, and your safer-at-home campaign has fallen on deaf ears. You are furious the silent majority chooses to support our local economy so it will not be destroyed by tyranny and governmental overreach. A life of fear is no life, and irrational fears are just that, irrational. One man will never dictate how I live my life, nor should he alone control the lives of one million residents. Thank you."

Ms. Beth Vesper, 63117: "Hi. I'm a school nurse working in St. Louis County and I wanted to let you know that I'm strongly opposed to these bills 266 and 267. Those of us who work in healthcare or any public service role always depend on the work of public health officials to monitor and control the spread of communicable disease in our community. I was shocked to see this kind of legislation introduced again that specifically limits the ability of the County Executive and public health department to maintain restrictions and other control measures during a state of emergency. This legislation would compromise everyone's safety by submitting emergency measures to time wasting and resource wasting political debate in the Council at

arbitrary times and during ongoing emergencies. I press public health officials who have dedicated a lifetime of study and work to understanding public health problems and bringing them under control. This is not an area of expertise that I expect County Council members will necessarily have. Every one of us is tired of COVID-19's impact on our daily lives, all the illness and all the deaths, but we do know that not remaining vigilant and persistent while therapeutics and vaccines are being developed only prolongs and worsens the situation. Every one of us depends on communitywide effort and sometimes sacrifice in order to safely operate our schools and other essential services during this time. Securing economic relief for businesses and individuals most impacted by this crisis would be a much more beneficial way for the Council to spend time and resources. And by creating new processes that will bring no tangible benefit to the situation and can only result in continually debating and voting on recommendations of the County's own public experts. So, I thank you for not putting this wasteful and dangerous legislation into effect. Thank you."

Ms. Debbie Murphy, 63017: "Hi. As a citizen of St. Louis County, I'm alarmed at the direction of some members of the County Council who are attempting to limit public health measures during a raging pandemic. This is a recipe for disaster, for the health and economic welfare of our County. As someone who lives in a household with severely immunocompromised family members, I've had to work from home since March. My household must shop remotely, allow no visitors, and delay medical appointments due to the actions of inconsiderate, selfish individuals who refuse to wear a mask or social distance. Any additional freedoms the Council will vote to enact, like lifting the mask mandate or allowing restaurants to have indoor dining during a peak in the pandemic, will cause more disease, death, and economic instability in the long run. Curbing the power of the County Executive and our health department professionals to protect the residents of St. Louis County while we're reaching another peak in cases is outrageous. Please do not set the County up to fail. Vote no on any and all measures that make control of emergency

health restrictions a political decision. In addition, Dr. Ken Remy, who cares for the sickest COVID-19 patients at Missouri Baptist Medical Center and BJC Hospital, recently shared a video on social media and in the *Post-Dispatch*, on the last thing a person dying of COVID will see. It is heartbreaking. I highly recommend everyone watch it. He asks, why won't some people wear masks? Why are they still going to big gatherings? What will it take to break this deadly cycle? For the position of scientists, it is an act of desperation to try and reach those who turned wearing a mask, or walking into a crowded bar, into a political statement of freedom. This video tries to convey the realities facing the region if all of us, including those in surrounding counties, do not find the courage or humility or just common decency to work in the same direction to battle the spread of this disease. Voting to curtail reasonable health emergency measures in St. Louis County is absolutely the wrong direction. Thank you."

Ms. Suszanne Behrle, 63123: "Today, I was going to be asking you to support the order that was being put before you, but unfortunately it seems that it's off the table and we are the last to know, which is kind of becoming the normal for us. We're always a step behind. So, every week I've sent in comments to the Council begging to be heard and even though my comments are read out loud, they've primarily gone ignored. I see Dr. Page asking for comments for those in opposition of the orders or bills that are being asked to be put forward, but he doesn't want to hear from us that want the bills to move forward. We aren't supposed to have a voice. I just saw Mark Harder get shut down for trying to ask for data. The constituents are having the same thing happen, we don't want to be heard from and we feel that and we're angry. I happen to agree with many of you on the Council about masks, I wear a mask and I expect every person around me to wear a mask. I insist that people wear masks, however, when I ask a question, I'm automatically put into a category of someone that doesn't want to wear a mask and that is just not the case. I'm labeled as a non-mask wearer. I've heard countless examples of why it's important to have all members making decisions. Everything I can find in research says why it's better to have several

people making decisions than just one person. But since I like to give the benefit of the doubt, I've tried to ask many times why is it better that we don't have the whole Council making decisions? Why is it better for just Mr. Sam Page to make these decisions? But when I ask that question, I get called names and the caller right before me was a perfect example. I get called selfish, I get called racist, I get called a non-mask wearer, I get called many other things as well. Just because I wanna ask a question to try to further my knowledge of why this model is better for St. Louis County to have one person making all the decisions. Our County is hurting, we have no unity. We see this week after week on this Council. We need some heroes. We need to work together and that's not happening. So I urge, all of you, to pass whatever bills or whatever orders need to happen to get everybody onboard, and furthermore, to let Dr. Page know you have lost public trust. It is going to be for the best of us right now for the Council to make the decisions and put forth the information versus one person. Let's all work together."

Ms. Melissa Fox, 63131: "I'm an elementary school teacher and I wear my mask every day, all the time, and I love wearing masks. It protects us. I have teenage kids that, my senior didn't get to go on spring break, we make sure that our kids are safe. I watch the hospital, the levels of patients in there and I'm also very concerned about our health. That being said, I am in shock that we're letting one person make every decision. I don't care if you're far left or far right, both far left and far right have some sort of dictatorship and that's not what our country's about. I ask all of you to think in your soul when you vote on who has control over these mandates. If the person making the decisions were not in your party, would you really want them to have all the control? We're facing that. We have Sam Page and we have our governor that are on extreme opposites and it makes sense to me, as an American, I don't care if you're for masks, if you're against masks, it makes sense to me that we have checks and balances, that's what we are about. So, I'm teaching all the time. I don't get to come to many of these meetings, luckily I was off today because I don't have any students today, we took off early for the break. So, I'm not really

even sure what's coming up on the docket, but I really ask all of you to think inside if having one person have all the control is really what we're about. And by the way, thank you all for keeping us all healthy and safe and I know these aren't fun times for anybody. I'd also like to add thanks to any teachers out there cause I know we're working hard too, I don't think that was on the list of thank you to everybody. That's all I have. Thanks."

Ms. Amanda Garavaglia, 63125: "First off, I just wanna address everybody that, I would say about 95% of you, I think it's really rude that you're too busy to do something rather than to watch everybody while they're speaking or even pay attention to them, especially you, Dr. Page, because apparently a lot of St. Louis County looks up to you. I myself don't, and neither do my two children. In fact, we actually went to a restaurant that's actually really, really safe and we dined in their patio, very heated, very nice. And we were really safe and they said mommy, we get to come here, she goes, it's really cool. I said, you know why you get to come here? Because the bad man didn't shut down the outdoor seating. They said yeah, the bad man. You know, that's sad that kids at school, that's what they call you, the bad man. I wonder what you did in school when you were little. Were you so mean that people didn't like you or were you just that dorky that people didn't like you? Because to me I feel like you're cherry-picking and picking on all these kids and these businesses. And Lisa Clancy, I'm done with you. Roll your eyes as much as you want, I don't care. All I wanna know is, why did you pick on restaurants at the worst time of year when you know this is their biggest time of year for Christmas? When I'm right now collecting Christmas presents and food for those people that you just shut down. And Lisa, you guys all live in your big homes and your nice homes. I live in a modest, little home. My husband, probably makes like maybe what, 80-90 a year, not that much and we're collecting gifts for those kids. I have ten families I'm collecting for that you shut their restaurants down. Do you know ten restaurants closed their doors within seven days of this order? For what data? Where's the data? I wanna know exactly what restaurant a COVID transmission came out of. That's what St. Louis

County wants. We want, we want to know the exact restaurant data. Sam Page, Dr. Page, please pay attention to your constituents. We wanna know what restaurant you got your data from that proves that COVID came from that restaurant. Because I don't mind wearing my mask, I'm not anti-mask, because if it keeps my dad alive, I'm fine, because my dad is high risk, I will wear it. But guess what, the rest of you, I'm done. Mark Harder, Tim Fitch, y'all are my heroes. Rita Days, you're amazing, too. But the rest of you guys, to roll your eyes when people write in their letters, that's just not right, they voted for you. And guess what, there's more elections coming. But to cherry pick restaurants this time of year when this is the biggest time for them to make money and Toys for Tots has nothing, there's no food at pantries, you wanna give them \$5,000, doesn't even cover rent. Not gonna do anything. That's a slap in the face to most of 'em. But my kids, they said mommy, you do what God called you to do."

Ms. Shannon Robinson, 63011: "I first wanted to say to the speaker before me, Melissa Fox was her name, thank you for everything you're doing as a teacher and thank all the teachers out there. I know that this time is very hard for you and that you're working extra hard and I personally thank you for that. I wanted to also say that, Mark Harder, I appreciate the fact that you're trying to ask for data, you're trying to ask these questions that we are all asking and trying to find answers to these things that we also want the answer to. And quite frankly, Ms. Clancy, I don't appreciate the fact that you were cutting him off when in fact the County Council's the one that has the authority to approve or not approve the regulations issued by the Department of Public Health. But thank you, Mark Harder, for trying to get those questions answered. I also wanted to say to Ernie Trakas, thank you for taking the steps necessary to ensure that no laws are passed without the County Council's approval. I think we saw how bad this was for the County a few years ago when one person did the same thing. I am an administrator of a Facebook group of 13,000 members who are also proud of Mr. Trakas for taking the step to protect the integrity of our County government. I know that this was just a first step, it seems like we're pulling it back a

little bit, but I know that you will work hard to figure out whatever it is that we need to do to bring this back, bring the integrity back to our embarrassing County government that we have right now. And I appreciate the attempts that you're making, I appreciate the attempts of Mark Harder, I appreciate the attempts of Tim Fitch, and Rita Days, you are my hero as well. You were brought up in our household conversations many times and I appreciate your input and I thank everyone's time today for listening to us, hearing our voices. And, you know, I guess my final comment would be is that we need to do everything we can, the County Council needs to do everything they can to get control and to make sure that everything that the health department, that they are approving those regulations and guidelines. Thank you."

Ms. Carla Grewe, 63122: "Most of all, I'd like to thank every one of the County Council members for all the meetings and all the hard work that you do to represent the people of St. Louis County. And I wanted to clarify this, I am a member of the St. Louis sports family Facebook group, although I don't speak for the group in terms of everyone. I keep on hearing about our group or all these people being anti-mask, and I just wanted to say I'm not anti-mask nor is almost anyone I ever speak to. Almost every comment I see on that group is also people who support mask mandates and when I listened to the comments from this Council as well, I feel like every Council member is also in support of masks. So, I just don't know why I keep hearing that news coverage and sometimes hearing Sam Page even discuss that he's trying to protect us from these anti-maskers. So, I think a few other people have said that, it seems to me that 99.9% of people are in totally fine with wearing masks, so. Anyway, I just wanted to say thank you to everyone and to say for the Council members, each one of you, I think we're all on the same page. It doesn't matter if you're a Republican or a Democrat, I have faith in our Council and I have faith in each one of you, I have faith in our Constitution and in our County Charter. So, what I wanted to speak

up today mostly about was that the people of our County want to honor our Charter and they want to be governed by you. You are our elected Council members and each of our districts elected you and we want you to continue leading us the way that the Charter was originally designed. And I have a feeling we're all way more on the same page than anyone's giving each other credit for. So, anyway, I hope, I'm looking forward to the orders that the Council will pass for the betterment of the majority of our residents and I know that special consideration and care will be taken for our most vulnerable residents and I'm grateful to each one of you. Really, I did get a little bit excited today reading something that I thought Ernie Trakas was going to be presenting that would emphasize the passing of these orders by the Council, and I just feel it will give so much more credibility and confidence to our community and I'm looking forward to that. Thank you so much."

Upon completion of reading public comments, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the Public Forum closed.

### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

BILL NO. 268, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WALTON GRAY, ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9,098, AS AMENDED, BY REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 2 PERTAINING TO P.C. 163-78 SECURITY STORAGE SYSTEMS.

BILL READ.

#### **Introduction of Bills – Continued**

BILL NO. 269, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLANCY, ENTITLED:

#### AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ACCEPT A GRANT OF UP TO \$349,823 FROM THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; APPROPRIATING SAID GRANT FUNDS FOR SUPPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES' SFY21 JOBS LEAGUE PROGRAM: AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.

BILL READ.

BILL NO. 270, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLANCY, ENTITLED:

#### AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS TOTALING AN AMOUNT OF UP TO \$70,000 FROM THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; APPROPRIATING SAID GRANT FUNDS FOR SUPPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES' FY2020 SKILLUP PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.

BILL READ.

### **Introduction of Bills – Continued**

BILL NO. 271, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLANCY, ENTITLED:

#### AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING CHAPTER 616, TITLE VI SLCRO 1974 AS AMENDED, "COUNTY PARKS, PARKWAYS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS," BY REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 616.230 PERTAINING TO VARIOUS USER FEES AND ASSESSMENTS RELATED TO USE OF COUNTY PARK FACILITIES AND SERVICES.

BILL READ.

BILL NO. 272, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HARDER, ENTITLED:

#### AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ACCEPT A GRANT OF UP TO \$31,493 FROM THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AVIATION TRUST FUND, SUBJECT TO A LOCAL FUNDING MATCH; APPROPRIATING SAID GRANT FUNDS FOR SUPPORT OF THE DESIGN OF THE REHABILITATION OF A TAXIWAY AT THE SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS AIRPORT; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE DIRECTOR OF AVIATION TO EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.

BILL READ.

#### **Introduction of Bills – Continued**

BILL NO. 273, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HARDER, ENTITLED:

#### AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 27,784 BY REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 11, PERTAINING TO TEMPORARY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS TO SUSPEND OR WAIVE ENFORCEMENT AND APPLICATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 1003, SLCRO 1974 AS AMENDED, "THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI" AND TITLE XI SLCRO 1974 AS AMENDED, "PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS" AS THEY RELATE TO FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS AND BUSINESSES LOCATED IN UNINCORPORATED ST. LOUIS COUNTY; AND TEMPORARY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO SUSPEND OR WAIVE ENFORCEMENT AND APPLICATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 807 SLCRO 1974 AS AMENDED "FOOD CODE" AS THEY RELATE TO FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS LOCATED IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY.

BILL READ.

### PERFECTION OF BILLS

BILL NO. 20, 2019, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HARDER, ENTITLED:

#### AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING CHAPTER 104, TITLE I SLCRO 1974 AS AMENDED, "OFFICES AND OFFICERS," BY REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING SECTIONS 104.020, 104.030, 104.040 AND 104.050, EACH PERTAINING TO FILLING VACANCIES IN VARIOUS OFFICES.

MOVED BY COUNCILMAN HARDER AND THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY ORDERED BILL NO. 20, 2019, HELD ON THE PERFECTION ORDER OF BUSINESS.

### **Perfection of Bills – Continued**

BILL NO. 32, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRAKAS, ENTITLED:

#### AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING TITLE VII, CHAPTER 716 SLCRO 1974 AS AMENDED, "PETTY OFFENSES CODE" BY REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING SECTIONS 716.080 AND 716.090, PERTAINING TO PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN ACTS OF SOLICITATION.

MOVED BY COUNCILMAN TRAKAS AND THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY ORDERED BILL NO. 32, 2020, HELD ON THE PERFECTION ORDER OF BUSINESS.

BILL NO. 221, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRAKAS ENTITLED:

#### AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING TITLE VI, CHAPTER 600 SLCRO 1974 AS AMENDED "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH," BY REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 600.030 PERTAINING TO THE DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR RELATED TO A PANDEMIC.

MOVED BY COUNCILMAN TRAKAS AND THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY ORDERED BILL NO. 221, 2020, HELD ON THE PERFECTION ORDER OF BUSINESS.

BILL NO. 254, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HARDER ENTITLED:

#### AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE BY CHANGING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE "NU" NON-URBAN DISTRICT AND THE "R-2" 15,000 SQ. FT. RESIDENCE DISTRICT OF CERTAIN LAND AS PROVIDED HEREIN (P.C. 16-20 MCBRIDE BERRA LAND COMPANY, LLC).

MOVED BY COUNCILMAN HARDER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN FITCH, FOR PERFECTION OF BILL NO. 254, 2020. MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY DECLARED BILL NO. 254, 2020, PERFECTED.

BILL NO. 255, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HARDER ENTITLED:

### AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING AND GIVING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL TO A PLANNED ENVIRONMENT UNIT DEVELOPMENT OF A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE "R-2" 15,000 SQ. FT. RESIDENCE DISTRICT, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS (P.C. 17-20 MCBRIDE BERRA LAND COMPANY, LLC).

MOVED BY COUNCILMAN HARDER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN FITCH, FOR PERFECTION OF BILL NO. 255, 2020. MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY DECLARED BILL NO. 255, 2020, PERFECTED.

Prior to making his motion, Councilman Harder stated: "This bill is tied to 254."

BILL NO. 256, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUNAWAY ENTITLED:

#### AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF COMPENSATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,512.90 FROM UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A AMEREN MISSOURI IN EXCHANGE FOR TEMPORARY USE OF APPROXIMATELY 0.85 ACRES IN CREVE COEUR PARK; AND APPROPRIATING SAID FUNDS IN THE PARKS MAINTENANCE FUND.

MOVED BY COUNCILWOMAN DUNAWAY, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN DAYS, FOR PERFECTION OF BILL NO. 256, 2020. MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY DECLARED BILL NO. 256, 2020, PERFECTED.

BILL NO. 257, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HARDER ENTITLED:

#### AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO GRANT A PERMANENT EASEMENT AND A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT WITHIN ANTIRE COUNTY PARK TO PHILLIPS 66 PIPELINE LLC ("PHILIPS 66") FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING PHILLIPS 66 TO REPLACE EXISTING PIPELINE AND CONSTRUCT NEW PIPELINE; AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF COMPENSATION IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$366,480; AND APPROPRIATING SAID FUNDS IN THE PARKS MAINTENANCE FUND.

MOVED BY COUNCILMAN HARDER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN FITCH, FOR PERFECTION OF BILL NO. 257, 2020. MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY DECLARED BILL NO. 257, 2020, PERFECTED.

BILL NO. 258, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLANCY ENTITLED:

#### AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 27,763 BY REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 2, PERTAINING TO A GRANT FROM THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY FOR SUPPORT OF THE MULTIJURISDICTIONAL DRUG TASK FORCE AND ITS HEROIN PREVENTION INITIATIVE.

MOVED BY COUNCILWOMAN CLANCY, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN WALTON GRAY, FOR PERFECTION OF BILL NO. 258, 2020. MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY DECLARED BILL NO. 258, 2020, PERFECTED.

BILL NO. 259, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLANCY ENTITLED:

#### AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY ("MODPS") TO ACCEPT PAYMENTS FROM MODPS FOR LICENSE FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE'S COMPUTER ASSISTED REPORT ENTRY SYSTEM; DEPOSITING AND APPROPRIATING SAID MONIES AS SET FORTH HEREIN; AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE TO EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.

MOVED BY COUNCILWOMAN CLANCY, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN WALTON GRAY, FOR PERFECTION OF BILL NO. 259, 2020. MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY DECLARED BILL NO. 259, 2020, PERFECTED.

BILL NO. 260, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLANCY ENTITLED:

#### AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ("MHTC") TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM MHTC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,500,000; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF SAID FUNDS FOR ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE STATEWIDE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ON CALL WORK ZONE ENFORCEMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE TO EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.

MOVED BY COUNCILWOMAN CLANCY, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN WALTON GRAY, FOR PERFECTION OF BILL NO. 260, 2020. MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY DECLARED BILL NO. 260, 2020, PERFECTED.

BILL NO. 261, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLANCY ENTITLED:

# AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ACCEPT A GRANT OF UP TO \$1,283,479 FROM THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES FOR SUPPORT OF THE WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM; APPROPRIATING SAID FUNDS; AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO EXECUTE RELATED DOCUMENTS.

MOVED BY COUNCILWOMAN CLANCY, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN WALTON GRAY, FOR PERFECTION OF BILL NO. 261, 2020. MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY DECLARED BILL NO. 261, 2020, PERFECTED.

BILL NO. 262, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUNAWAY ENTITLED:

#### AN ORDINANCE

DECLARING THE PUBLIC NECESSITY OF AND PROVIDING FOR THE OPENING, WIDENING AND ESTABLISHING OF A SECTION OF PUBLIC ROAD DESIGNATED AS MCKELVEY ROAD, LYING WHOLLY WITHIN THE CITY OF MARYLAND HEIGHTS, MISSOURI; DIRECTING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS AND, RELATED DOCUMENTS (AR-1718).

MOVED BY COUNCILWOMAN DUNAWAY, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN DAYS, FOR PERFECTION OF BILL NO. 262, 2020. MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY DECLARED BILL NO. 262, 2020, PERFECTED.

BILL NO. 263, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUNAWAY ENTITLED:

#### AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 27,485 BY REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING SECTIONS 2 AND 3 PERTAINING TO A CONTRACT WITH OATES ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE MCKELVEY ROAD RE-SURFACING PHASE II PROJECT (AR-1718); APPROPRIATING FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF THE TRANSPORTATION HIGHWAY FUND \$189,349.48 FOR SUPPORT OF SAID PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT TO TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.

MOVED BY COUNCILWOMAN DUNAWAY, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN DAYS, FOR PERFECTION OF BILL NO. 263, 2020. MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY DECLARED BILL NO. 263, 2020, PERFECTED.

BILL NO. 264, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUNAWAY ENTITLED:

#### AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING TITLE VI, CHAPTER 611 SLCRO 1974 AS AMENDED "THE ANIMAL CONTROL CODE," BY ENACTING A NEW SECTION 611.260 PERTAINING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF A FOSTER CARE PROGRAM FOR ANIMALS WITHIN THE POSSESSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, DIVISION OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL.

MOVED BY COUNCILWOMAN DUNAWAY, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN DAYS, FOR PERFECTION OF BILL NO. 264, 2020. MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY DECLARED BILL NO. 264, 2020, PERFECTED.

BILL NO. 266, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS FITCH AND HARDER ENTITLED:

#### AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING TITLE VII, CHAPTER 703 SLCRO 1974 AS AMENDED "ST. LOUIS COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CODE," BY REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 703.070 PERTAINING TO DUTIES OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS DUE TO A PANDEMIC.

MOVED BY COUNCILMAN FITCH AND THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY ORDERED BILL NO. 266, 2020, HELD ON THE PERFECTION ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Prior to making his motion, Councilman Fitch stated: "Please hold the substitute. My intention will be to work on legislation for next Tuesday. It will be closely related to Bills 266 and 267 and we have a little bit of work to get that accomplished for next week."

BILL NO. 267, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS FITCH AND HARDER ENTITLED:

#### AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING TITLE VI, CHAPTER 600 SLCRO 1974 AS AMENDED, "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH," BY REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 600.030 PERTAINING TO THE DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR RELATED TO A PANDEMIC.

MOVED BY COUNCILMAN FITCH AND THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY ORDERED BILL NO. 267, 2020, HELD ON THE PERFECTION ORDER OF BUSINESS.

# FINAL PASSAGE OF BILLS

BILL NO. 320, 2019, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLANCY, ENTITLED:

# AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING CHAPTER 716, TITLE VII SLCRO 1974 AS AMENDED, "PETTY OFFENSES CODE," BY REPEALING SECTIONS 716.080 AND 716.090, PERTAINING TO VAGRANCY.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY ORDERED BILL NO. 320, 2019, HELD ON THE FINAL PASSAGE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

SUBSTITUTE BILL NO. 3 FOR BILL NO. 385, 2019, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUNAWAY, ENTITLED:

#### AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING CHAPTER 1202 OF TITLE XII SLCRO 1974, AS AMENDED, "TRAFFIC CODE," BY REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 1202.010 PERTAINING TO DEFINITIONS; AMENDING CHAPTER 1210, TITLE XII SLCRO 1974 AS AMENDED, "REGULATIONS FOR BICYCLISTS," BY REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 1210.050 AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 1210.055, PERTAINING TO RIDING BICYCLES ON ROADWAYS; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 1212, TITLE XII SLCRO 1974 AS AMENDED BY ADDING AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 1212.175 AND A NEW SECTION 1212.200, PERTAINING, RESPECTIVELY, TO DRIVERS PASSING BICYCLISTS AND TO VULNERABLE ROAD USERS.

MOVED BY COUNCILWOMAN DUNAWAY AND THERE BEING NO OBJECTIONS, CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY ORDERED SUBSTITUTE BILL NO. 3 FOR BILL NO. 385, 2019, HELD ON THE FINAL PASSAGE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

BILL NO. 14, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS TRAKAS, DAYS, DUNAWAY, FITCH, WALTON GRAY, CLANCY AND HARDER, ENTITLED:

### AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING CHAPTER 1008 SLCRO 1974 AS AMENDED, "FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS" BY REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING SECTIONS 1008.020 AND 1008.050, PERTAINING TO REGULATORY FLOODWAYS.

MOVED BY COUNCILMAN TRAKAS AND THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY ORDERED BILL NO. 14, 2020, HELD ON THE FINAL PASSAGE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

BILL NO. 76, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS DUNAWAY AND HARDER, ENTITLED:

#### AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ON BEHALF OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO JOIN THE MISSOURI CLEAN ENERGY DISTRICT.

MOVED BY COUNCILWOMAN DUNAWAY AND THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY ORDERED BILL NO. 76, 2020, HELD ON THE FINAL PASSAGE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

BILL NO. 202, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLANCY ENTITLED:

#### AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING CHAPTER 1105 SLCRO 1974 AS AMENDED "DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION," BY REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 1105.060 PERTAINING TO SPECIAL USE FEES.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY ORDERED BILL NO. 202, 2020, HELD ON THE FINAL PASSAGE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

BILL NO. 220, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRAKAS ENTITLED:

#### AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING TITLE VII, CHAPTER 703 SLCRO 1974 AS AMENDED "ST. LOUIS COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CODE," BY REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 703.070 PERTAINING TO DUTIES OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS DUE TO A PANDEMIC.

MOVED BY COUNCILMAN TRAKAS AND THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY ORDERED BILL NO. 220, 2020, HELD ON THE FINAL PASSAGE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

BILL NO. 251, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLANCY ENTITLED:

#### AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH OF UP TO \$501,443; APPROPRIATING SAME FOR SUPPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S "OPIOID USE JUSTICE INITIATIVE" PROJECT FOR INMATES IN THE BUZZ WESTFALL JUSTICE CENTER WITH OPIOID USE DISORDER; AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.

MOVED BY COUNCILWOMAN CLANCY, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN WALTON GRAY, FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF BILL NO. 251, 2020. UPON ROLL CALL, THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: DAYS, DUNAWAY, FITCH, WALTON GRAY, CLANCY, TRAKAS, HARDER

NAYS: NONE ABSENT: NONE

CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY DECLARED BILL NO. 251, 2020, FINALLY PASSED.

# BILL NO. 252, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HARDER ENTITLED:

#### AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE TWO CONTRACTS WITH GLOBAL IMPORT SOLUTIONS, LLC FOR LEASE OF OFFICE AND WAREHOUSE SPACE AT 18445 EDISON AVENUE AND 18427 EDISON AVENUE; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO TERMINATE EXISTING LEASES FOR THE SAME PROPERTIES THAT WERE AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE NO. 25,609 AS AMENDED, BY ORDINANCE NO. 25,972, AND SECTION 724.020 SLCRO.

MOVED BY COUNCILMAN HARDER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN FITCH, FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF BILL NO. 252, 2020. UPON ROLL CALL, THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: DAYS, DUNAWAY, FITCH, WALTON GRAY, CLANCY, TRAKAS, HARDER

NAYS: NONE ABSENT: NONE

CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY DECLARED BILL NO. 252, 2020, FINALLY PASSED.

# BILL NO. 253, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRAKAS ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE

APPROVING THE APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY PLANS, AS AMENDED, FOR THE AMENDED DEVELOPMENT IN THE "C-8" PLANNED COMMERCIAL DISTRICT OF A TRACT OF LAND, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS; AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 17,118 (P.C. 15-20 MBR MANAGEMENT CORP.).

MOVED BY COUNCILMAN TRAKAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN HARDER, FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF BILL NO. 253, 2020. UPON ROLL CALL, THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: DAYS, DUNAWAY, FITCH, WALTON GRAY, CLANCY, TRAKAS, HARDER

NAYS: NONE ABSENT: NONE

CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY DECLARED BILL NO. 253, 2020, FINALLY PASSED.

BILL NO. 265, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FITCH ENTITLED:

#### AN ORDINANCE

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AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH GEORGE BUTLER ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH RESURFACING OF MASON ROAD FROM CLAYTON ROAD TO SOUTH OF INTERSTATE 64 AND INSTALLMENT OF A MULTI-USE TRAIL WITHIN COUNTY RIGHT-OFWAY; AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND REVISE THE WORK ACTIVITY SCHEDULE AS NECESSARY (AR-1746).

MOVED BY COUNCILMAN FITCH, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN HARDER, FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF BILL NO. 265, 2020. UPON ROLL CALL, THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: DAYS, DUNAWAY, FITCH, WALTON GRAY, CLANCY, TRAKAS, HARDER

NAYS: NONE ABSENT: NONE

CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY DECLARED BILL NO. 265, 2020, FINALLY PASSED.

# **RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution No. 1 – November 24, 2020

Introduced by Council Members Walton Gray, Days, Dunaway, Fitch, Clancy, Trakas and Harder

# RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the national Adoption and Foster Care Analysis Reporting System ("AFCARS") reflects there are over 122,000 children and youth in the United States waiting to be adopted and who are at risk of aging out of foster care without permanent family connections; and

WHEREAS, approximately one in five children in foster care in the United States waiting to be adopted are teens, but only five percent of all children adopted in 2019 were 15 to 18 years, and the risk of homelessness and human trafficking is increased for teenagers in foster care; and

WHEREAS, according to the most recent AFCARS report, of the 122,000 children and youth waiting to be adopted, the average age is eight years old, eleven percent are between 15 and 18 years old, and the average time spent in foster care is 31 months; and

WHEREAS, in Missouri, 1,579 children and youth are in foster care waiting for a forever home, and the Department of Social Services Children's Division recently stated that "for children and youth in foster care who are older, who have siblings, or have special needs, their journey to find a forever family can be long. Waiting is so hard when you're young, and they are so anxious to meet that family they can call their own and begin their new lives together."; and

WHEREAS, the month of November is designated and recognized as National Adoption Month in the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

# Resolution No. 1 – November 24, 2020 – Continued

SECTION 1. The County Council recognizes November as National Adoption Month, and expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to all adoptive parents, and the professionals and volunteers who work tirelessly to support children in the foster care system. Further, the Council encourages all St. Louis Countians to take the time to learn about opportunities to adopt or otherwise support children in the foster care system.

SECTION 2. The Administrative Director is directed to send certified copies of this Resolution to Ms. Jennifer Tidball, Acting Director of the Missouri Department of Social Services and Ms. Joanie Rogers, Interim Director of the Children's Division of the Missouri Department of Social Services.

It was moved by Councilwoman Walton Gray and seconded by Councilman Harder, that the Resolution be adopted.

Upon Roll Call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: DAYS, DUNAWAY, FITCH, WALTON GRAY, CLANCY, TRAKAS, HARDER

NAYS: NONE ABSENT: NONE

SAID RESOLUTION BEING DULY ADOPTED BECAME KNOWN AS RESOLUTION NO. 6628, 2020.

Prior to casting his vote, Councilman Harder stated: "I would like to thank Councilwoman Gray for putting this Resolution together. I have friends that have foster children and have tried to adopt and the government bureaucracy of the system is horrible on these kids. And we need to do whatever we can in St. Louis County and the State of Missouri to make sure that it's easy to adopt so that parents are not forced to go overseas to adopt children when we have so many of them in need of adoption here. So, thank you for doing that."

Resolution No. 2 – November 24, 2020

Introduced by Council Members Clancy, Days, Dunaway and Walton Gray

# RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, all available data demonstrates that the number of COVID cases are surging throughout the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, November 23, 2020 the State of Missouri reported that there were 2,805 hospitalized COVID-19 patients statewide, which is double the number six weeks ago; and

WHEREAS, people throughout Missouri rely on the health care institutions in the St. Louis region, and many of the current COVID-19 patients in St. Louis area hospitals are from outside the region, making it significantly more difficult for St. Louis County residents to obtain needed medical services; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County's mask mandate has proven to be one of the most effective ways of preventing the transmission of COVID-19, as one recent study demonstrates that the average daily COVID-19 case growth among Midwestern counties with mask mandates, including St. Louis County, was significantly lower than the average daily COVID case growth among counties without mask mandates; and

WHEREAS, another notable finding of the study was "that following implementation of mask mandates, the disparity of infection rate by race and population density was no longer significant, suggesting that regional-level policies can not only slow the spread of COVID-19, but simultaneously create more equal environment."; and

WHEREAS, thirty-seven states have issued a mask mandate, putting the State of Missouri in a definite minority of states who are ignoring scientific evidence about how to protect the health of their residents; and

# Resolution No. 2 – November 24, 2020 – Continued

WHEREAS, a safer-at-home order urges residents to stay in their homes and only go outside for essential services or activities, such as obtaining groceries, picking up medications, or participating in recreational activities to maintain and improve overall health, such as walking or biking; and

WHEREAS, health care services throughout Missouri, and especially in the St. Louis region, are in higher demand than ever, in part, because of the lack of statewide policies like a safer-at-home order and mask mandate that would limit the spread of COVID; and

WHEREAS, a statewide safer-at-home order and a mask mandate will protect St. Louis County residents from transmission of the virus by other Missourians and will help to conserve health care services for those who need them; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of St. Louis County residents for the St. Louis County Council to call upon Governor Parson to implement a statewide safer-at-home order and a statewide mask mandate:

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Council implores Missouri Governor Mike Parson to immediately issue a statewide safer-at-home order similar to the order issued by St. Louis County, and further implores the Governor to issue a statewide mask mandate in order to protect the health, safety and well-being of St. Louis Countians and all Missourians.

SECTION 2. The Administrative Director is directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Honorable Michael L. Parson, Governor of the State of Missouri.

# Resolution No. 2 – November 24, 2020 – Continued

It was moved by Councilwoman Clancy and seconded by Councilwoman Dunaway, that the Resolution be adopted.

Upon Roll Call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: DAYS, DUNAWAY, WALTON GRAY, CLANCY

NAYS: FITCH, TRAKAS, HARDER

ABSENT: NONE

SAID RESOLUTION BEING DULY ADOPTED BECAME KNOWN AS RESOLUTION NO. 6629, 2020.

Before a motion was made, Councilman Trakas stated: "Madam Chair, as you know, I am not opposed to a mask mandate, by any means. My only opposition, such as it is, is as to where the mandate should be imposed from or by. I do not believe that it is at this point, entering nine months into this pandemic, that it is an emergency any longer. While it remains dangerous and chronic, I do not believe it is an emergency and, as such, I believe it is responsibility of the legislator whether it is the state or in fact this body, the County Council, to determine whether and to what extent mandates and restrictions should be imposed. And so for that reason, Madam Chair, while I agree that a mandate is appropriate in the sense of wearing masks, I will be voting no. Thank you."

Councilman Fitch: "I also agree with Councilman Trakas. In this particular Resolution, do we really wanna tell the governor what he should do in the rest of the state? How would we feel if he told us in St. Louis County, or the state legislature told us what to do in St. Louis County? Or is it only when we disagree with what he is doing and we'll tell him what to do? That's where we're going with this Resolution. I also agree with the mask mandate. I will tell you that we, as a Council, and as a County, and this includes the County Executive, I know he disappeared some time ago during public comments, we all need to get together and come up with some sort of solution that will provide some meaningful oversight to these public health orders or the state legislature is going to tell us what to do. You have to understand they're already working on something to tell us what to do from a state perspective. So, we're in the position between now and then, that we can do it on our own. So do we really have the will to do it on our own? And I will ask you again, to please submit any ideas that you may have for meaningful oversight and meaningful approval, just giving these public health orders or not, before next week. Thank you, Madam Chair, and I will be voting no as well."

# Resolution No. 2 – November 24, 2020 – Continued

Councilman Harder: "I concur with my colleagues. I would add to that by saying the governor gave St. Louis County and Jackson County and Boone County and Greene County, the right to do what they felt necessary to fight this pandemic early on. And now we're gonna turn around and tell the rest of the state what's right. I wouldn't want somebody in Chillicothe telling us what to do based on our circumstances here. We know what we need to do here and as I also wanna say that with Councilman Fitch, we have to decide, it's our County, what works for the residents of St. Louis County that we represent, that we have been duly elected to represent. And so, from that, I don't see this as an, I too am in favor of reasonable mask mandates, but I don't think it's proper for us to tell people in Dent County, Missouri, what to do and I sure don't want them to tell us what to do. Thank you, Madam Chair. I will be voting no."

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### Item No. 1 – 6th District

Report of the St. Louis County Planning Commission, Re: Response to communication dated *October 1, 2020* from Heather A. McKee, requesting amendments to C.U.P. 821, P.C. 01-03 Colson and Colson Construction Company, <u>GRANTING APPROVAL</u>, as indicated, to increase the permitted number of assisted living units for the elderly (group home) from 115 units to 117 units at the development located on the southeast corner of Butler Hill Road and Kerth Road.

<u>Action:</u> Moved by Councilman Trakas and there being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be held on the Order of Business.

# NEW BUSINESS

# Prepared Order No. 1 – November 24, 2020

Moved by Councilwoman Walton Gray, seconded by Councilwoman Days, that the Prepared Order, entitled: In the Matter of Contracting with Medical Benefits Providers, be adopted.

# Prepared Order No. 2 – November 24, 2020

Moved by Councilwoman Walton Gray, seconded by Councilman Fitch, that the Prepared Order, entitled: In the Matter of the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the County Council Scheduled for December 1, 2020, be adopted.

After the motion was seconded, Chairwoman Clancy stated: "So this pertains to the deadline for agenda items for the December 1st County Council meeting. Diann, can you remind us when the deadline is for the agenda?"

Clerk Valenti: "The deadline is noon on Monday and there will be no Add-On Agenda for next week."

At this time, Chairwoman Clancy asked for any final comments.

Councilwoman Days: "We're ending, very nearing the end of this COVID monies that we have to spend, and I will say to and request we have some sort of collaboration on how we are going to end this. It seems that obviously we are throwing a lot of ideas out there at the ninth hour and we're not gonna really have an opportunity to address those. We had a meeting in one month on the accountability of the committee and again, it was not for input it was to report what was done. And so, I'm going to ask the Council members and ask you as Chair if we could come together as some of my colleagues have reiterated earlier on how we will move past this. We still have people that are dying. We still have people in St. Louis County and that's where I represent, I don't represent the rest of the state. And so I think that we need to have some kind of kumbaya, if you will, in how we are moving forward with the few weeks that we have left with these COVID dollars. So, that's my comment for today. Thank you, Madam Chair."

Chairwoman Clancy: "I guess part of my question is back to you. You introduced and the Council passed a bill pertaining to CARES Act spending back in September and I believe that that bill calls for collaboration. So, why don't we bring that bill back up and I believe that that was your step, your leadership, to provide a mechanism for the Council to provide input into CARES Act spending. We need to make sure that that happens and there has been, I think the oversight committee is an opportunity for that. There is a lot of question and answer, but it's also a place for discussion and it's what the members of the committee make of that. Not everyone on the Council is on that committee and some Council members have chosen not to attend those meetings or maybe are not available to attend those meetings, but I think the opportunity is up there. But I think we have a lot of hard decisions to make and it's very easy to say shoulda, woulda, coulda. What we need is some hard ideas about the money. But also at this point we've blown through most of our money. I think all of it at this point has been committed."

Councilwoman Days: "I do hear what you're saying in terms of the money and this is not an opportunity to discuss the budget, but I do know that we have a lot of money that is in encumbrances. And when someone asked that question yesterday about encumbrances, they were not allowed to continue to ask that and clearly that is the discussion item in the statement that the Chair makes. We are to discuss encumbrances and we're not allowed to continue in that line of questioning. And I will also say that in that accountability, the ideas are not asked for, we are there, we have a report, they have indicated to us what has happened and what will happen and when there are ideas put forth, well, we changed it, we decided to do something else. This is not an opportunity to do that or to point fingers, but I am saying that particularly our seniors and our children are not getting, and I'm only speaking for the 1st, they are not getting what they need to get in the 1st Council District. And so that's why I am raising these issues as we wind this down, where is this money? The money was moved other places and so that's my comment. So I thank you because I hear this phone ringing. Thank you kindly."

Chairwoman Clancy: "I think we don't have enough money to go around. We've had to make some hard choices. We have the biggest opportunity before us right now with our Council budget for 2021. That is an opportunity to make some hard decisions about resources, absent and beyond the COVID spending."

Councilman Fitch: "I'd like to revisit Councilman Harder's asking questions of the County Executive. You said this is not the proper forum to do that so I would assume you mean the proper forum would be a Committee of the Whole. And if that's true, we need to schedule one of those asap with the County Executive so we have an opportunity on behalf of our constituents to ask him questions and not just hear canned responses like we hear every Monday, Wednesday and Friday about, you know, waking up with the health and welfare and safety of people of St. Louis County on his mind. We really need to ask him these tough questions on behalf of our constituents who are without jobs, who are dying because of COVID-19, and to just say no, this isn't, we're not going to talk to him in this way, isn't acceptable. So, I'd like to officially ask for a Committee of the Whole to bring the County Executive and the co-directors of the department of health to come before us and let us ask these tough questions on behalf of our citizens."

Chairwoman Clancy: "Your request is under advisement, Councilman Fitch. I understand that there's a lot of hard questions that need to be asked and answered and I tune in three times a week. And...."

Councilman Fitch: "And hear the same thing? Yeah, I know."

Chairwoman Clancy: "Well, you know, I don't hear the same thing. I hear lots of new things but I hear lots of consistency and I don't know that you're going to get a different answer. For me, it seems like you just don't like the answers that you're getting."

Councilman Fitch: "No, that's not it at all."

Chairwoman Clancy: "And I don't know that that is going to change and we've got a lot of work to do and I want to be sensitive to the work that needs to continue to happen. And, you know, I'm open to ideas to have discussion but the County Executive has a pretty strong mandate right now to continue leading during this crisis."

Councilman Fitch: "Well, if he has time to work a second job, he has time to talk to us." So I think he needs to make time to talk to us."

Chairwoman Clancy: "When was the last time you gave him a call, Councilman?"

Councilman Fitch: "Let him say no, that he doesn't want to talk us, because you're not even letting him speak. Maybe he wanted to answer and you cut him off. Maybe he wanted to answer Councilman Harder."

Chairwoman Clancy: "Well, the Council meetings are not hearings, they are not the time for cross-investigation and examining of each other or with the County Executive. We have hearings for that. I hear your request to have a hearing with the County Executive and with the Department of Public Health to ask some questions that you have pertaining to the virus, and your request is under advisement."

Councilman Fitch: "And will we ever hear an answer? When will you get back and let us know...?"

Chairwoman Clancy: "I always let you know when I have an answer, Councilman Fitch. I invite you to make your request, as you have, official to the County Executive and to work with him and his team to help to make this happen."

Councilman Fitch: "So you want me to reach out to him and ask him to appear before us at a Committee of the Whole?"

Chairwoman Clancy: "I invited you to, I didn't say that I want you to, I didn't say one way or the other, but I'm saying that that's an option."

Councilman Harder: "I'm just gonna ask for a little help here from everybody. I know emotions are running hard here, but I got a call the other day and Anne took it, from a single woman, a single mom who is working tables, waiting tables, working at two different restaurants in order to have 40 hours of work. She is now unemployed at both of those restaurants, she has two kids at home, all different situations. I know we've probably gotten these calls before. And now she has no job and one of the restaurants is probably gonna shut down totally, so there isn't even a chance at going back. This is all she knows. This has been her livelihood for a while. She does very well at it when things are going well and now we're entering the busy time of the year when she thought she was gonna get bonuses and other things and now she has no job. So, I just wanna ask everybody here what you would say to this woman if you got that call like we did. And hopefully maybe you will get that call someday, but what would you tell these people at this time? That is my question."

Chairwoman Clancy: "I've gotten those calls, Councilman Harder. They're heartbreaking. One day we get asked for money to help our small businesses, same day I get a call from someone who's about to get evicted and homeless and on the streets with a family to take care of. As Councilwoman Days mentioned, our childcare providers are desperate right now. Seniors are desperate. We don't have enough money to go around. We've had to make a lot of hard choices. And so when I take calls like that and when I respond to constituents that are in those situations, I try my best to empathize and to tell them that I hate that we're in this situation. And then I put my social worker hat on and get them connected to some resources because there's a lot of folks in the community right now through mutual aid, throughout the nonprofit organizations that are filling in the gaps that our government is not providing right now, mostly at the state and federal level."

Councilman Harder: "Anyone else have some input? Because this is something we created, this situation."

Councilwoman Days: "I will say that, to say that I have been disappointed in this whole process is an understatement. Because I look at particularly the number of, the amount of money that's been spent on consultants and has been spent on other things that could have gone directly to some of our people in need. And I continue to say that the seniors and the early childhood people, we have these people that are essential workers and they don't have places for their children to go. And I simply say that, I guess I'm not in the get-along gang, and so the suggestion that I have and have made, you know, throughout this whole process, you know, has for the most part, fallen on deaf ears. I know that we looked at the small business program that we had and each district was given \$2.7 million. My district wasn't given \$2.7 million, we didn't spend that. And so, I don't really know and I simply tell them I really don't have an idea of what to tell you. And I say maybe you should call the County Executive and maybe you can get some answers from him, but I don't have any. And the suggestions that we continue to make and try to make and try to make it best for people, these are people that we are serving be they democrat, republican, independent, it really doesn't matter, because when you are hungry, I don't think a political distinction is what you're looking for. And so I just simply say, you know, call the County Executive, maybe he can give you some responses that I just do not have. And that's the best I can offer. Thank you."

Chairwoman Clancy: "Councilman Harder, I would also suggest, the County Executive really isn't in the weeds of a lot of these things so I don't know that while obviously you can make some arguments to the County Executive, particularly relating to human services. Our human services team lead by AJ and her staff with Yusef and Shannon, have been working around the clock to help people in this situation. And that's something that weighs really heavily on me as well as we consider the human services budget which is about \$4.5 million, which pales in comparison to some of the other places that we are spending in our 2021 budget. As COVID continues to take an impact, we're going to need more resources especially for the folks in our human services shop. But that is a really good place to turn people to here in St. Louis County government and our County employees have stepped up in big ways with the resources that we have, which are not enough, to respond to this pandemic. We are in a global pandemic. I just want to remind everyone of that. There is no blueprint for this, there's no how-to manual, we are all doing the best that we can at the end of the day, and I don't agree with you that this is an issue that we created. The coronavirus is the enemy, not the restrictions, and I think that there is a fundamental disagreement between you and I about that and so be it, that's okay. At the end of the day, we're still gonna keep our heads down and try to do the best to serve our constituents and to serve the people in St. Louis County, but I think that its something that needs to be pointed out here."

Councilwoman Walton Gray: "I'd like to add that any time I have a question or concern or constituent issue, I go to the source where the information can be found. I have meetings, sometimes weekly, with various directors as needed. The information is there. I'm not sure why we need to have this conversation with the County Executive during the Council meeting or doing a hearing. If you have specific questions, just contact the County Executive's office and (inaudible) what the Public Health Department. But I think that, as it was mentioned, we're in a position that we have never been in before. My constituents are happy with the safer-at-home policies that have been issued. In fact, when he relaxed the policies back in May, I got a lot of texts and emails against that. They did not want the restaurants and businesses to go back to, to reopen. So my community I've heard from are happy with the policies. I haven't gotten a lot of pushback on anything so I just wanted to add that. But the main thing is you can always set up a one-on-one meeting or a Zoom meeting with your constituents with whomever you need to talk to. And that's what I've done."

Councilwoman Days: "With all due respect to Councilwoman Gray, I've tried that. I am still waiting on information regarding the small business program. I asked for information on the number that the people, the actual people, who applied for that in my district and to this day, I have not received that, cause I wanted to know who applied and why they did not get the money. There were people who applied, I have called, I emailed, and I have copied in several people on those emails to get that information. Half of them are ignored. I don't know why, but they're ignored and then they'll come back two weeks later, I guess they think I forget. I don't forget those things because my constituents' businesses are going out of business because they did not get that kind of relief. So, that may work for you, but I did try to go through the necessary channels to get those things done, but it did not happen. Thank you."

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There being no further business, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.